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Scenic Trail closer to reality

By Tracy Whirls

Comparing South Bay's renovated city hall to a phoenix rising from the ashes, Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti told those attending the city's "Open House" that the future of the city is bright.

The future of the Glades, South Bay, all the way around the lake to Canal Point is brighter than it's ever been, and this new facility is one more spoke in the wheel," Commissioner Masilotti said.

The commissioner said the Governor's Office has agreed to commit the \$30 million for the construction of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail.

Currently in the design phase, the trail will consist of hiking and equestrian trails, bathhouses every six miles, with campsite stop the dike as well as trailheads at South Bay, and the other communities around the lake.

The goal of the entire project is the revitalization of the Glades," Commissioner Masilotti said, noting that the trailheads will give small business owners the opportunity to establish restaurants, bed and breakfasts, camping outfitters and other services near the lake accesses. These

new businesses will bring job opportunities to local residents, the Commissioner said, and will help insure that prosperity is shared throughout the county, rather than being limited to the coast.

Commissioner Masilotti, the long time mayor of Royal Palm



Tony Masilotti

Beach, said three things are key to making a community successful: good schools and recreational opportunities for children, job opportunities for local residents and maintaining contact with civic groups.

He noted that Belle Glade is moving forward with the development of its business park.

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Midlands Navigation to sail year round in Pahokee

said.

The commissioner said with the commitment from the state to begin construction of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail in 12-14 months, the marina will be the key to refocusing redevelopment efforts in Pahokee.

In a related matter, the

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The commissioner said with the completion of the canal boat rental business from the Pahokee Marina for the past year, has decided to house the fleet there year round beginning next fall.

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Before enjoying a 'healthy' drink of juice, read the label



When my toddler asks me for "juice, please," (actually it sounds more like "j u z, peas"), like most moms I want to give him something that is nutritious. Lately I have found myself reading a lot of labels. It's surprising how many "juice" drinks marketed for children contain very little actual fruit

juice.

Even those that contain a large percentage of juice may also contain other ingredients you may not want, such as artificial flavorings, colorings and preservatives.

What's a parent to do? Keep reading the fine print.

A trip down the "juice" aisle of the average supermarket can be a real education. Many drinks that at first glance appear to be juice, contain only a small percentage of real fruit juice. The USDA requires manufacturers to list ingredients in the order of quantity. So the first ingredient listed on a food

or beverage label makes up the largest percentage of that product. If the first ingredient on a "juice drink" isn't juice, that should give you a clue.

There's also a difference between "100 percent natural" and "100 percent juice." Drinks that contain sugar or corn syrup as sweeteners are still "100 percent natural."

The names themselves also sound you a clue. "Cranberry juice cocktail," may sound like you serve the juice with hors-d'oeuvres, but it also indicates there is something besides cranberry juice in the beverage. It may be a blend of other

juices, or it may contain corn syrup, sugar or artificial additives. Some doctors advise patients with bladder infections to drink cranberry juice because it helps rid the body of the bacteria that causes these infections. If this is the case, you need real 100 percent cranberry juice, not a "cocktail." Cranberry juice helps fight bladder infections in two ways. It contains a substance which makes it difficult for bacteria to stay on the bladder wall. If you are drinking a "cocktail" you won't get as much of this substance as you will from plain juice. The other way cranberry

juice fights bacteria is by changing the pH level in the bladder. A juice "cocktail" may contain other juices that neutralize the more acid pH of the real cranberry juice.

Artificial flavorings, colorings and preservatives are another concern.

Since a child has a low body weight, chemicals may have more effect.

Some researchers believe that chemicals used to flavor, preserve or give food a pleasing color may cause unhealthy reactions in small children.

According to "The Ritalin

Free Child," by Diana Hunter,

some research indicates that symptoms diagnosed as Attention Deficit Disorder may instead actually be allergic reactions to food additives.

Before making any change in diet, consult your doctor. This is especially important if you are on any prescription medications. Some drugs interact badly with foods that would otherwise be considered healthy.

And no matter what else you drink, don't forget that you need eight glasses of water a day to help your body stay healthy, avoid dehydration and flush out toxins and wastes.

Katrina Elshak
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ER Chronicles: If Things Don't Get Better...



Hey, Mick, don't sound so good." Sandy had lived with Mick for three years, and had witnessed several prior asthma attacks.

She had noticed that his use of both of his asthma inhaler medicines had seemed much more frequent the past couple days.

"Yeah, really," Mick whispered between wheezy gasps.

He drew another puff on an inhaler as Sandy's interest increased. She frowned as she studied his face; he was getting rosy cheeks and raising a few beads of sweat.

Mick only gave this last inhaler dose a couple minutes. He was not improving. It was too much work to talk, so Mick just pointed toward the garage. Sandy understood.

Phil was the nurse at the Ocean's ER triage desk this afternoon, and he actually

heard Mick's wheeze and staccato cough before Mick entered his doorway. When Mick's slumped shoulders appeared, Phil nodded understandingly and motioned him toward a wheelchair.

"Your asthma again?"

Mick nodded as he plodded into the wheelchair. Phil attached a small oxygen monitor to Mick's finger as they wheeled toward an ER bed.

As Mick sat back on the bed, Phil placed the blood pressure cuff on one arm and the heart monitor wires on his chest. As another ER nurse arrived to help, Phil noted Mick's oxygen level.

"Ninety-one percent oxygen saturation," he said.

Together, the two nurses started an intravenous line, printed out a heart rhythm strip from the monitor, listened with their stethoscopes to the noisy lungs, and began setting up an aerosol treatment circuit.

By now, the emergency physician had entered the room.

"Hi, Mick, I'm Dr. Cortez. Do you remember me? I think I saw you a couple months ago

when your asthma flared up."

Mick nodded his head and muttered a couple words. Cortez listened carefully to his lungs, then looked in his throat and checked his abdomen as she asked questions about congestion, fever, and pain. Phil had Mick blow into a small tube, then showed the resultant number on the instrument to the physician.

"Mick, your Peak Flow is pretty low again," Cortez noted. Then, turning to the nurses, she provided instructions that both had already anticipated:

"Get a couple albuterol aerosols going now, and push 125 milligrams of Solu-Medrol in his IV line." Then, studying Mick's face again, she added, "Let's see how he responds to these."

The Solu-Medrol was in, and Mick was trying to suck that aerosol mist as deep into his lungs as possible. After several minutes, the plastic cup of medication was emptied by the pressurized air, and the loud wheezes had become softer.

Mick tried to rest. He relaxed when his asthma flared up.

Phil nodded his head and closed his eyes.

After the nurse measured Mick's Peak Flow again, the physician returned to the bed-side.

"Let me hear those lungs again, Mick," Cortez said as she planted the stethoscope in her ears.

Mick tried to take deep breaths as Cortez listened, but it only served to bring out a cough and more wheezing. Cortez frowned.

"Mick, we'll try some additional medication in that aerosol in a few minutes, and I'm going to have them check your blood count and chest X-ray." She paused and noted the frustration on Mick's face. "Then, we'll see how this is going."

"I know...what you're gonna say next, Doc."

"You're right, Mick. If things don't get quite a bit better within the next hour, you may have to be admitted back into the hospital again."

Mick sighed, but the deeper breath just made him cough again.

Asthma, the most common chronic disease of childhood, affects nearly five percent of the American adult population. The reported prevalence rate for asthma has increased substantially over the past 20 years, and rates of hospitalization and mortality have also increased.

The physiologic hallmark of asthma is bronchospasm, a decrease in bronchial airway diameter due to swelling, secretions, and the contraction of muscle within the bronchial walls. Airway inflammation is at the root of the problem, and this has been associated with viral infections, environmental pollutants, occupational exposure (vapors, chemicals, etc.), drugs, dust, animal dander, and many other mediators.

There are now several classes of medications that are useful in the control and treatment of asthma.

It has been shown that close attention to the early signs of bronchospasm, as well as close attention from a physician familiar with the treatment of

asthma, can decrease the number and severity of asthma attacks.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org

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Hash it out in private

"I attended the last Pahokee City Council meeting. I was appalled at the behavior and attitude of one of the police officers. He was totally out of line.

If this officer has a problem, he should sit down with the Chief of Police and talk about it. Apparently, this person is very disoriented about the way he feels about things. He's not happy. I think this behavior should not be allowed at a council meeting by the mayor. It should be taken care of behind closed doors and if it's not, then it should be taken care of somewhere else other than the council meetings. This is bad.

Thank you."

Election is about free speech

"Mayor Davis of the City of Pahokee, you are a firm believer in freedom of speech and the right way. Please remember this during the campaign.

The campaign people are allowed to say what they want to say. So, remember, you are a firm believer in free speech and in treating people fairly.

Let's see how you react to this election."

Praise for City of Belle Glade Sanitation Department

"I live in the northeast section of town and I want to give praise where praise is due. The Belle Glade Sanitation Department was very nice to come out and fill in the holes at the side of the road where the trash is picked up. They brought out some dirt.

I want to praise them for what they have done, but it's a shame and a disgrace the way after they put this dirt, there, you walk around this community and people are not using the recycle bins the way they should. They are throwing cans, garbage, diapers, and other junk right there where the city put the dirt.

Solid Waste Recycling is supposed to pick up the yard trash and they are not doing it. They are picking up the yard trash, but they're also having to pick up the recycle and the regular garbage.

Can the city not make people put the trash in the garbage cans instead of by the road?

It looks like some people who live in these houses don't give a darn.

Also, is there any way we could get the ditch cleaned out again? It's gotten to where people have just thrown so many bottles and cans and stuff in there.

I know it's not the city's fault, but it seems as if the city could do something to make them stop throwing this stuff in there."

Property is a hazard

"I would like for someone to tell me why a piece of property can become such an eyesore and safety hazard for the public and the code enforcement board either doesn't care or turns a blind eye.

I speak of the old Lake Equipment Tractor Company off State Road 715, just south of Glades Airport.

The roof is mostly blown off, the remainder is a danger to motorists in a high wind. It is also being used as a dump site.

I know the owner of this property can afford to clean it up, so come on, get it done."

City employee has questions

"I have several questions I would like answered. I would like to know why some of the employees for the City of Belle Glade who were promised raises did not receive them and some did?" Only the chosen ones received raises.

We were told that under phase two all long time employees who did not receive a raise under phase one would receive it under phase two. Why didn't this occur?

Also, why is it mandatory for some employees to have a telephone in their residence and others don't have to? I think this is a little biased."

Editor's note: I understand why this caller might feel uncomfortable asking this question of his or her bosses. This is why Speak Out exists, to allow for fair, but free speech without retribution.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to get answers to this caller's questions. Mayor Harri Miller has said publicly she will no longer respond to citizens questions or concerns in Speak Out. She has directed city staff to consider doing the same, but has asked the City Manager to come up with how department heads and the city will respond to Speak Out in the future.

Mayor Miller says city employees are spending too much time responding to Speak Out. Many city officials say Speak Out is unfair and callers should sign their name. We have always tried to give officials the opportunity to respond to any questions or concerns raised in Speak Out. Many Speak Out calls are edited, or not run at all, if they are too inflammatory.

If some of the City of Belle Glade's elected officials do not wish to be afforded the courtesy of being able to respond in the same column, we will discontinue sending them the information before it is printed.

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Letters to the Editor

Student wants postcards, pictures, etc.

Dear Editor:

I am an eighth grade student at Washington Manor Middle School in San Leandro, California. We are doing a project where we have to plan a vacation. I would really appreciate you publishing my letter in your newspaper asking readers to send postcards, pictures or any other useful information you have about

Florida that could help me with my project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Michelle Dela Fuente
C/O Ms. Shulte
1170 Fargo Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94579

An inmate's view on the fall of young, black men

Dear Editor:

We fail because our minds are cluttered with impure thoughts and mixed motives. Our bodies are weakened by the effects of drugs and alcohol and poor decisions, and our hearts are warped by misplaced trust and the absence of love for our fellow man.

In many ways, we as young black men are empty people working our way through the problems and detours of life with little hope that things will ever change. This discouragement and dissatisfaction with life is the result of our separation from God. We as young black men spend most of our time trying to compete with others, comparing our achievements with those of our peers, and attempting to live up to their standards of acceptance. Instead of being our

selves, we become preoccupied with being who others think we should be. We as young black men fail because of our inability to accept personal responsibility. The sooner we face our problems with everyday living, the faster we become acceptable, responsible and productive members of society. We as young black men are not defeated until we accept defeat as a reality. To succeed in life as a young black man requires no more effort to aim high than it does to aim low.

Black men, our future is custom made by the way our actions are today. Peace.

Sincerely,
Derry Brown
Glades Correctional Institution

Belle Glade Rescue gives tips to avoid fires

Dear Editor:

We are once again approaching the summer season of fun in the great outdoors. As we look forward to this summer, it is important that each of us keep in mind that along with the warm weather comes the threat of a devastating wildfire season. This winter's lack of rainfall has already made our county dangerously close to drought conditions. These conditions, combined with our love for outdoor events, can quickly lead to the disaster that overwhelmed Port St. Lucie residents last year.

In order for us to be wildfire free this year in the Glades, Belle Glade Fire Rescue would like to suggest a few tips that we believe will keep us safe from a fire disaster. It is important for us to clear away any dead brush, foliage or high grass away from our house. Dried pine needles and leaves are very easy to burn. Keep your roofs, gutters and flower beds clean from any build-up.

During the 1999 wildfire season, a majority of the brush and forest fires were the result of deliberate or careless acts. Someone clearing land or burning dead trees caused a fire to get out of control. A careless driver throwing a cigarette out the car window ignited a nearby field. Someone having a barbecue or campfire didn't extinguish the fire correctly.

I'm sure most of these fires were accidental (no one expects the fires to get out of control), but, nonetheless, cause a considerable amount of dollar loss.

If all of us in the Glades prepare our house and yards, and act responsibly in our use of fire, I am sure we can all enjoy a safe, and wildfire free summer.

Donald M. Hamilton,
Fire Marshal
City of Belle Glade

It's time for consumers to speak out on health care

By Bill Nelson,
Florida State Treasurer,
Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal

Have you ever taken a prescription to your pharmacy, only to be told your health plan no longer covers that drug and you'll have to get something else?

Or, has your HMO ever denied you treatment you needed?

Or, maybe you've seen reports about lavish spending by some Medicare HMO's - op-privs, gifts and even a luxury box at a sports arena. And you wondered if that's why your premiums have gone up, or why your benefits have been cut.

Those are just a few of the issues I'm targeting for attention by the Florida Legislature in its regular session running from now through May 5. The cost, quality and availability of health

care coverage are top priority in a package of legislative bills we've prepared for consideration by your lawmakers.

Our proposals would expand access to affordable health insurance and managed-care coverage; and provide more choices and needed protections for patients. The key to winning the Legislature's approval of these bill is the support of people like you. This is the time for consumers to let their legislators know where they stand.

The measures I'm proposing would:

* Prevent health insurers and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) from passing unwarranted expenses on to consumers by authorizing state regulators to determine whether administrative expenses are reasonable. We need to stop companies from spending lavishly at the expense of policyholders or man-

agees.

See Health Care/Page 5



Congratulations to Mike Burkett with Lake Hardware for winning The Sun newspaper's 1999 Pigskin Picks. Mike is presented the award by Ad Services Coordinator Yvonne Jones.

CRIME STOPPERS



Mike Griffin

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Bill Griffin who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest with violence and domestic battery. He is also wanted for failing to appear on charges of loitering or prowling.

Griffin is a black male, 6'0" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is June 26, 1966. His last known

address was 524 S.W. 9th Street, Apartment 1, Belle Glade. His Social Security number is 263-81-8559 and his last occupation was as a laborer.

His warrant was active as of March 27, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Bill Griffin, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 613 complaints and gave 42 traffic citations the week of March 20-26.

Those arrested included:

March 20 - Ernest Brown, 20, failure to appear on charges of battery; **Agnes Posey**, 35, burglary to a vehicle and petty theft; **Juvenile**, 15, grand theft auto; **Juvenile**, 14, grand theft auto; **Deric Willis**, 26, resisting arrest without violence.

March 21 - Juvenile, 17, possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

March 22 - No arrests made.

March 23 - Clarence Frederick, 34, battery.

March 24 - Kenneth Lewis, 20, warrants for two counts of criminal mischief and writing worthless checks and for contempt of court.

March 25 - Fredrick Odum, 37, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of issuing worthless checks; **Janice Hurst**, 21, retail theft.

March 26 - Emmanuel Bright, 58, stalking; **Rodney King**, 20, violation of probation; **Juvenile**, 13, battery.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 9 arrests the week of March 19-25.

Those arrested included:

March 19 - Juan Mireles, 38, warrant for failure to appear on charges of resisting arrest without violence.

March 20 - Barton Burrenny, 20, battery.

March 21 - Juan Castro, 48, habitual traffic offender and driving without a valid driver's license.

March 22 - Franklin Brown, 36, warrant for failure to appear on charges of driving while under the influence.

March 23 - Frankie Moore, 29, warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and aggravated battery on a pregnant female.

March 24 - Juvenile, 15, domestic battery.

March 25 - Johnnie L. Young, 29, open container; **Kenneth C. Williams**, 34, resisting arrest without violence; **Isaac McKenzie**, 41, warrant for driving without a valid driver's license and violation of the open container law.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 13 arrests the week of March 20-26.

Speak Out/From Pg. 4 Caller defends Belle Glade Golf Course

"Hi. I'm calling in regard to the Letter to the Editor from Leon Rollers, the nine-year-old from Pahokee about the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

I was a little appalled by the letter. I think that 'yes,' he should be commended for expressing himself and feeling that he could express his feelings about the golf course. However, I do feel that he is being a little derogatory on his part about all the places he has

played and everything he has done, and so forth and that he's so much above the Belle Glade Golf Course.

I do know that my husband plays golf at this course, as does his brother and my brother and several of their friends drive from Boca and Wellington just to play at the Belle Glade Golf Course.

The course is a good course for its size. They have played at many other golf courses where it costs a whole lot more.

If this little boy is so concerned about it, and has all

done a lot of money from tournaments, maybe he should take this opportunity to give back to his community instead of badmouthing it. Try to make it better and maybe this publicity stunt, as I see it, would be better publicized by doing something positive instead of doing something negative to have his name with it.

I don't mean to make him mad and I don't mean to hurt his feelings, but I do think that he could have handled this differently and I think he could help the golf course.

Thank you."

Bob Sheets knows what he's talking about when it comes to hurricanes



Mike Lyons

adult life. He's one of the top hurricane experts in the world.

So when someone wants to ask a question or make a suggestion about tropical weather, chances are they'll address that letter to Bob Sheets.

"I got a ton of letters following Andrew," Sheets told me. Most were complimentary, thanking Bob for his tireless work after that terrible storm hit Dade County and then, a few days later, Miami.

Others, on the other hand, were a bit unusual.

"I'm sure they thought we were helping me," Bob said. "Their intentions were good."

In the months following Hurricane Andrew, Bob received scores of letters from folks suggesting ways to save Florida from future hurricanes. What the letters lacked in hard science, they more than made up for it in imagination.

"One man suggested that we build a series of large fans along the east coast of Florida," Bob recalled. "Then, when a hurricane was headed for Florida, all we would have to do is turn on the fans and the force of the wind would blow the hurricane out to sea."

Another person thought the military should intervene. "This guy said we should drop

an atomic bomb on the hurricane," Bob said. "The 'nuke it' scenario is one Sheets has heard on more than one occasion: It was first suggested by the Mayor of Miami Beach in September of 1945.

"Obviously, we can't detonate a nuclear device in a tropical cyclone," said Bob.

Some letters come from people who have a basic understanding of meteorology. Hurricanes, for example, depend on the warm ocean waters for fuel. If the hurricane encounters cooler ocean waters, the storm will weaken.

"One lady came up with a way to cool off the water," Bob said. "She suggested we get the Navy to take a boat to the North Pole, grab a huge iceberg, drag the iceberg down to Florida and then place it in front of the hurricane. The lady said in her letter that the iceberg would cool the water and the storm would fall apart."

While these suggestions are hardly practical Bob enjoys receiving them. "We can't use the ideas," he said, "but people think they're helping so I appreciate that."

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

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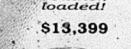
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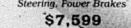


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On the hundredth day of school, three students demonstrated the true meaning of collaboration when they engaged in a "hands-on" activity" after ready the book "A contar cheerios" (Let's Count Cheerios) by Barbara B. McGrath. After counting the Cheerios in Spanish, the group enjoyed the cereal.

Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



Volunteers of the Month

Congratulations to the following volunteers for being selected as "Top Volunteers" for the month of February: Beatrice Alonso (40 hrs), Gloria Alonso (34 1/2 hrs), Maria Ceneceiros (43 1/2 hrs), Robert Wheelihan (22 1/2 hrs), Karen McCarthy (13 1/2 hrs), Luisa Mendoza (26 3/4 hrs), Myranda Miller (28 1/2 hrs), Maria Quintano (26 hrs), Yris Soto (13 hrs). Again, THANKS for all that you do for Gove Elementary.

Virtual School Fair

Please make a note that SchoolCash.com has extended their Virtual School Fair through April 20. You can continue to take advantage of this great promotion on all books purchased at Amazon.com when you start at SchoolCash.com. Remember to include Gove's identification number (00198413) so our school can earn cash rebate for your purchases.

Uniform Recycling Project

This is to remind you that we are still collecting uniforms for our Recycling Project. If you would like to donate the uniforms your child has outgrown, please bring them to the Family Center. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Three Cheers!

Students in Ms. Garcia's and Mrs. Edgecomb's class shared a wonderful learning experience...collaboration. On the hundredth day of school, three students demonstrated the true meaning of collaboration when they engaged in a "hands-on" activity" after ready the book "A contar cheerios" (Let's Count Cheerios) by Barbara B. McGrath. The three friends got together to ease the task of counting to one hundred in Spanish. The first suggested counting by twos, the second stated counting by fives would be quicker and the third said if they would count by tens, they could really speed up the process. Three different ways, three different solutions, the same conclusion! The teachers were excited about the way these three students solved their problem. It showed a true team approach. Three Cheers for the 100th Day Count and for the students in Ms. Garcia's and Mrs. Edgecomb's class.

Upcoming events

3/30-3/31-Field Days
4/3-FCAT for Primary Parents, 6 p.m.
English/Spanish classes, 5 p.m.
4/4-Parent, Child and Literacy, 6 p.m.
4/5-English/Spanish classes, 5 p.m.
4/6-PT, 6:30 p.m.

Lake Shore Middle hosts Open House tonight

Attention Lake Shore Middle School Parents! Don't miss Open House tonight at 6 p.m. Report Cards will be distributed. Also, come view our Showcase of Excellence.

Retirement dinners planned for Lockmiller and DuPont

Members of the community are invited to retirement dinners for Charles Lockmiller and Wallace DuPont, Assistant Principals of West Technical Education Center.

The retirement celebration for Charles Lockmiller will be held at the Binks Forest Golf Club.

David Veale retires from West Tech

Members of the community are invited to the retirement dinner for David Veale, automotive body repair instructor at West Technical Education Center.

Mr. Veale is retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the students of Palm Beach County. He began his career at Glades Central High School in September, 1970 and transferred to West Technical Education Center in 1980 when it opened its doors to the training of vocational skills. Mr.

Sabbath is gift from God

SABBATH/From 8

where we show love for family and friends. And as family and friends we go to church freely to join with others to thank and worship our Lord and Creator.

I believe Abraham Joshua Heschel had it right. He wrote, "The Sabbath is the most precious present mankind has received from the treasure house of God. The Sabbath...is not for the purpose of recovering one's strength and becoming fit for the forthcoming labor. The Sabbath is a day for the sake of life."



The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District Five Community Police Unit hosted its second "Do the Right Thing" awards ceremony Monday at Belle Glade Elementary, honoring students from area elementary schools for their good actions and deeds. (Photo by Tracy Whirls)

'Doing the Right Thing' rewarded by PBCSO

By Tracy Whirls

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District Five Community Police Unit hosted its second "Do the Right Thing" awards ceremony Monday at Belle Glade Elementary, honoring students from area elementary schools for their good actions and deeds.

Among the students honored for their good deeds:

• Denearius Jones was named the first place winner for Canal Point Elementary School after he walked away from a fight with other students.

• Cedrick Drummer, the first place winner for Rosenwald Elementary was nominated by his teacher after he found a dollar in the classroom and turned it in to the teacher, who was able to return it to the child who lost it.

• Jeannian Jeune, the first place winner from Pioneer Park Elementary was recognized for her willingness to help her fellow students.

• Evans Desir, the first place winner from Belle Glade Elementary was nominated after he found a ring that a student had lost the week before and turned it in to his teacher.

The idea for the local "Do the Right Thing" chapter, the only one of its kind in Palm Beach County, was derived from a Miami program that began in 1990. Community volunteers there, attending a police department award ceremony in which a teenager was recognized for turning in a loaded gun found in his school, recognized the positive impact of the program and joined forces with law enforcement to develop an on-going recognition program for students.

The goals of the "Do the Right Thing" program are:

• To reinforce socially desirable behavior among youth.

• To demonstrate that "good kids" are newsworthy.

• To foster positive relations between law enforcement and area businesses.

• To enhance the relationship between youth and law enforcement.

Each month teachers from Canal Point Elementary, Rosenwald Elementary, Pioneer Park Elementary and Belle Glade Elementary Schools nominate students who exhibit exemplary behavior. Other students recognized Monday included: Canal Point Elementary: Second place,

Third in cooperation with area businesses including Glades General Hospital (Pink Ladies), Bair's Electronics Incorporated, The City of Pahokee, Barbara Terbakes, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pahokee, Norman Brother's Inc., The National Canine Association, The Larry Royal Family Business, Atlantic Sugar Association, The Rotary Club of Pahokee, The First Community Bank of Palm Beach County, The Rotary Club of Belle Glade, Okelakinta Corporation, Milton Carpenter Insurance Company, David Wade, Betty M. Thomas, Dorothy S. Vaughn, Ace Hardware, Boynton Beach, Bank of Belle Glade, Everglades Beach #20 American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Squadron #20, American Legion Everglades Post 20 and King Ranch.

March nominees for the "Do the Right Thing" awards program will be recognized Monday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Rosenwald Elementary School in South Bay.

Thanks

The Jackson Family gratefully acknowledges and appreciates all acts of love shown during the departure of our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Ella Mae Jackson (Ma Ma). We appreciate the flower arrangements, food, cards and all unsellable acts of kindness shown to us in our time of grief. Our consolation is that she was loved by all whose loves she touched. For this we are thankful. May the Lord bless you.

The Jackson Family

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Sports this week



The Glades Day Lady Gators JV softball team includes front row, from left to right, Alaina Payret, Shelby Markham, Autumn Doney, Anne Lee; back row Coach Linda Lee, Erin McMahon, Halley Meeks, Erin Francis, Ginnie Anderson, Hiley Valentine and Crystal Doney. Absent when the photo was taken were Natalie Roland and Coach Karen Hansford.

(Photo by Tracy Whirls)



The Glades Day Gators JV baseball team includes front row, from left to right, Brandon McMillan, Ronnie Brown, Justin Garrett, Blake Herring, Ryan Woodard, Kyle Lamp, Gary Brooks; second row, from left, Brock Marcus, Jeremy Hawkin, Rolando Hernandez, Nicky Sanchez, Justin Miller, Coach James Herring; back row, Coach Tim Williamson, Brad Garrett, Dale Britt, Casey Underwood, Jonathan Allen, Eric Wingate, Dustin Echenique, Coach Peter Paulus and Coach Craig Dobson.

Glades Central alum signs with Dolphins

According to published reports, Glades Central alumna Willis Jones, a Belle Glade native, joined the St. Louis Rams last season at left tackle as an undrafted rookie out of Grambling. He ended the season on the injury list.

Glades Day boys and girls keep winning

The Glades Day Gators varsity baseball team's record stands at 9-6 after the team fell to Benjamin last Thursday 4-3.

On Wednesday, Cory Wilcox and Kyle McNamara both hit home runs to lead the Gators past North Broward Prep 13-1. Sophomore

George Moreno pitched a complete game three hits for his third win of the season.

In girls softball action, the Glades Day Lady Gator's record went to 5-4 as the Lady Gators defeated North Broward Prep 15-4. Carmen Paez hit her fifth home

run of the season and added four RBI and Amanda Browder went 2 for 2 with a homer and three RBI in the game last Tuesday.

In Thursday's game against Okeechobee, Paez went 3-3 pitching and scored two stolen bases.

Free Fishing Weekend April 1-2

The weekend of April 1-2 is Free Fishing Weekend. Anglers in Florida will not need a license to fish in freshwater on these two days (Of course, all other fishing regulations remain in effect.)

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Chamber Golf Tournament

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce second annual golf tournament will be held at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course Saturday, April 29. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. First Place: \$80, 2nd place, \$60 gift certificate, Third place \$40 gift certificate. Entry fee is \$40, \$25 to sponsor a cart, \$100 to sponsor a tee, \$250 package includes foursome and tee sponsorship, which will be provided.

All checks should be made to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, 540 S. Main Street, Belle Glade 33430.

For more information or to register by phone, call Janice Goforth at (561) 996-2745.

Applications for Black Gold events

Numerous activities are planned for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee.

Anyone needing an application for the tennis tournament, volleyball, arts and crafts booths, Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold, the Photography Contest, parade, 5K Walk/Run, Children's Fishing contest, or any other event can pick one up at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Chamber at 996-2745 or Jubilee Chair Carl Seibert at 993-3343.

Retirement party for Dr. Effie Grear

Members of the community are invited to a retirement dinner for Dr. Effie C. Grear, principal of Glades Central High School.

The party will be held on Saturday, April 8 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Those persons wishing to attend may contact Sarah Bennett, 964 Linda Road, Belle Glade, Florida, 33430.

Cost of the dinner is \$30 per guest. Checks should be written to the Effie C. Grear Retirement Fund.

Jam Session

American Legion, Post #20 is hosting a Jam Session on Saturday, March 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. to promote membership.

Admission to the Jam Session is free, but a suggested donation is a covered dish.

GED test offered

The GED test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on March 20 and 21 at 8:30 a.m. and March 21, 22, and 23 at 6 p.m. Adults should register in the Community School office before 3 p.m. on March 17. The cost of the test is \$40.

For more information call 993-4404.

Class meeting

Classmates of the class of 1990, Glades Central Community High are urged to attend the next class meeting on April 16 at Stick's Apartment.

For more information, call Michael Tyler at 996-9407, Linda Nelson at 992-8064 or Orlando Jasper at 996-1108.

Harvest Queen Pageant

The Harvest Queen Pageant will be held April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at First Community Bank in Belle Glade.

For more information, call Becky White at 996-5800.

Black Gold Tennis Tournament

The Black Gold Tennis Tournament will be held April 1-8. There is no entry fee and the tournament format includes a consolation round, so all competitors will play at least two matches.

If enough entries are received, Tennis Chair Ken Buchanan says a compass format will be used in which each time competitors win or lose, they gravitate toward players of comparable ability levels who have had the same results in the previous round. A player or team can lose the first three matches and still be guaranteed a spot in one of eight finals.

Sign up now for men and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles by contacting Mr. Buchanan at 996-6107.

Booth space available for Black Gold Jubilee

Vendor booth applications

are now being accepted for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee to be held April 15. Applications may be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or by calling 993-3343.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.

Children's Day 2000

In conjunction with the "Week of the Young Child" April 19-25, there will be a Children's Day 2000 in the Glades on Friday, April 14 at Rardin Park in Belle Glade.

Special guest will be Ronald McDonald and a live concert performance by "Ms. Maggie." There will also be a bounce house and games for the children.

5K Walk/Run

Applications for the Black Gold Jubilee 5K Walk/Run can be obtained by calling Linda Lee at 996-6722 or by stopping by the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. This year's 5K Walk/Run will be held Saturday, April 15 at the Municipal Golf Course.

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. and the race starts at 7:30 a.m.

Gospel Sing

The annual Jubilee Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at Community United Methodist Church.

If you or your organization would be interested in performing, please call the church office at 996-5568 for more information.

Census 2000

Anyone needing assistance in completing the "Census 2000" form they received recently in the mail can get help.

Employees at Pepi Headstart, 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade, will be glad to assist, or you may call 996-1718.

Little Mr. and Miss

The 2000 Little Mr. and Miss Black Gold contest is back by popular demand! The event will be held at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The ages for each category are: Tiny Mr. and Miss, for three and four year olds and Little Mr. and Miss for children ages five and six.

The event is co-sponsored by Palm Beach Community College and the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

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"On Monday when the administrative staff gathered and found out what had really happened they expected a vacation. We started relocating that day to the temporary facility.

For a while even finding a stable was a challenge, but on Tuesday we were taking payment on water bills," Mr. Jackson said.

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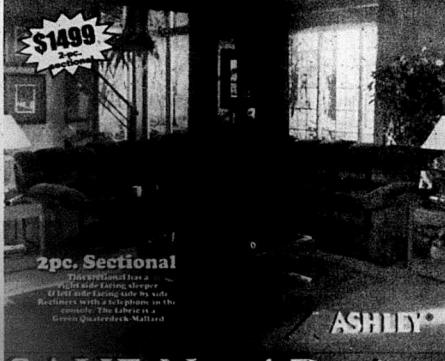
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